

A₁ The object is achieved by way of the features of the embodiments described herein below.

Page 4, third paragraph which is indicated as paragraph [0015] in the published application:

A₂ The advantageous result of connecting elements mounted on the substrate conveying module on at least two side walls is that a decision as to the orientation or rotational alignment in which the substrate conveying module is to be installed on the workstation does not need to be made until shortly before assembly of the substrate conveying module and workstation at the installation location. The substrate conveying module can therefore be rotated, on short notice and on-site, into a rotational position possibly different from the one that may originally have been planned, and installed on the workstation. Conventional setup, planned in detail from the outset, can be dispensed with.

Page 5, first full paragraph which is indicated as paragraph [0017] in the published application:

A₃ In addition, the substrate conveying module according to the present invention, or a system made up of one or more substrate conveying modules and one or more workstations according to the present invention, has the advantage that its arrangement is also flexibly modifiable during its service life. Trained persons are capable at any time of making a configuration change and readapting the substrate conveying module and workstation to changes in circumstances. If necessary, for example, substrate conveying that was previously being performed laterally into the workstation can be converted, without substantial effort, into substrate conveying that occurs from the rear side.

Page 5, third paragraph which is indicated as paragraph [0019] in the published application:

A₄ The connecting elements in the side walls of the substrate conveying module and the workstation are generally kinematic couplings known to those skilled in the art. The

Ay term "kinematic couplings" is understood to mean mechanical apparatuses which make it possible to couple together mechanical assemblies or modules, and in that context, by way of mechanical apparatuses, to align them with respect to one another with as many degrees of freedom as possible or allow them to assume a previously aligned orientation. These mechanical apparatuses can be, for example:

Page 10, last paragraph carrying over onto page 11 which is indicated as paragraph [0044] in the published application:

A5 A further variant of the arrangement between substrate conveying module 1 and workstation 3 is shown in FIG. 6. In this exemplary embodiment, substrate conveying module 1 is connected to rear side 3b of workstation 3. A prerequisite for this is naturally that rear side 3b of workstation 3 be equipped with corresponding connecting elements 4b. In this configuration, left and right sides 3a, c of workstation 3 are unoccupied. As a result, any space requirements can be taken into account, or unoccupied sides 3a, c can be used for other purposes. To ensure a flexible arrangement of the substrate conveying module 1 on different sides 3a, b, c, d of workstation 3, these sides 3a, b, c, d are correspondingly equipped with connecting elements 4b. A specific side 1a, b, c of substrate conveying module 1 can thus be coupled to several sides 3a, b, c, d of workstation 3.
